Constitution of NMPB

*212. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) has recently been constituted;

(b) if so, the details of the composition of the board;

(c) whether there is an acute shortage of staff in the Board causing hardship in running day-to-day activities of the board; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to provide sufficient staff to the Board'?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) The Board has been constituted on November 24,2000.

(b) The medicinal Plants Board has been constituted under the chairmanship of Union Minister of health and family Welfare, and comprising of Secretaries of various Central Ministries/Departments, technical experts, NGO, representatives of trade'and industry, cultivators, State Governments and other stake holders.

(c) and (d) The board has been provided some technical and administrative manpower. The proposal for creation of posts has already been intiated.

Recommendations of CBFC on Censorship Guidelines

*213. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 103rd meeting of Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) held recently recommended updating of censorship guidelines;

(b) whether the recommendations have been accepted by Government;